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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the claim

amendments and following remarks. Claims 1-16 and 18-21 are pending in this application. By this

Amendment, claims 1 and 7 are amended.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR 1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the

application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new

issues requiring further search and/or consideration (because the amendments amplify issues

previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the

previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding

number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an

appeal be necessary. The amendments to claims 1 and 7 incorporate subject matter already

expressly discussed in previous Office Actions and responses thereto, and during the October 6,

2005 interview. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

In paragraphs 7-25 on pages 2-12, the Office Action rejects claims 1-16 and 18-20 under 35

U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,734,915 to Roewer. This

rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Claims 1 and 7, from which claims 2-16 and 18-20 depend recite, "each pictorial being

formed from an image automatically selected from a different group of coherent image data"

(emphasis added).

In paragraph 30 on page 13, the Office Action correctly concedes that Roewer does not

disclose, teach or suggest each pictorial being formed from an image without operator intervention

for selecting image data. Therefore, as discussed at the personal interview on October 6, 2005,

Roewer does not disclose, teach or suggest the above-quoted subject matter recited in claims 1 and 7,

from which claims 2-16 and 18-20 depend.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-16

and 18-20 as being allegedly unpatentable over Roewer be withdrawn.

In paragraphs 26 and 27 on pages 12 and 13, the Office Action rejects claim 21 under 35

U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roewer and U.S. Patent No. 6,347,329 to Evans. This

rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 21 is allowable based at least on its dependency from claim 1 for the reasons stated

above in connection with the rejection of claim 1. Evans fails to overcome the deficiency in Roewer

pointed out above in connection with the rejection of claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reason, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 21 as

being unpatentable over Roewer and Evans be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the correspondence attorney listed below in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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